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In the Drawings

Three (3) sheets of Replacement Formal Drawings for Figures 1-3 are attached herein. No new matter has been added.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 16 are pending.

Claims 13, 14 and 16 stand finally rejected.

Claims 1-12 stand allowed.

Claim 15 stands objected to.

Claim 15 has been amended without prejudice.

Claims 13, 14 and 16 are canceled herein.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application.

Applicant has provided formal drawings (attached). No new matter has been added.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner's allowance of present claims 1-12. Applicant further acknowledges Examiner's indication of allowability of claim 15 if re-written in independent form and including all of the limitations of the base claim, and any intervening claims, upon which they rely. Claim 15 depended from Claims 13 and 14. Applicant has amended Claim 15 to be independent in form and to include the subject matter of now canceled independent claim 13. Applicant believes claim 15 as currently amended is patentably distinguishable over the cited art of record; allowance of present claim 15 is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-14 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Georgi (United States Patent 3,702,076). Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Colwill (United States Patent

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4,138,709). Solely for purposes of expediting prosecution of the present application, without prejudice, and subject to Applicant's right to reintroduce these, and/or related claims in this or a related Application, Applicant has cancelled Claims 13, 14 and 16 herein. Accordingly, these rejections are deemed moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the cancellation of claims 13, 14 and 16, remaining claims 1-12 having been allowed, and claim 15 having been rewritten in independent form and including the subject matter of now canceled claim 13, Applicant believes he has addressed all outstanding grounds raised by the Examiner and respectfully submits the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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